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Environment portfolio

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Senator Rhiannon asked:

In 2012 the Department removed from its website historical data showing 451,508 Whiptail Wallabies where shot in Queensland from 1975 to 1999. Another 803 are currently listed as having been shot in Queensland from 2001 – 2003.

- a) When were Whiptail Wallabies removed from the commercial shooting list?
- b) Why were they removed?
- c) What is the current status of Whiptail Wallabies in Queensland?
- d) How many of the species persist in Queensland?
- e) If this is not known, why not?

Answer:

- a) The Queensland Government removed the commercial harvest of Whiptail Wallaby from their 2003 quota and did not include that species in their *Wildlife Trade Management Plan for Export – Commercially Harvested Macropods – 2003-2007*.
- b) Is a matter for which the Queensland Government has responsibility.
- c) Whiptail Wallabies or *Macropus Parryi* are not listed as threatened under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The Queensland Government has responsibility for state listings under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (Qld).
- d) and e) Are matters for which the Queensland Government has responsibility.